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THE WEATHER.

For this section fair tonight and tomorrow; colder tomorrow.

THOUSAND MEMBERS

Alexandria Ladies Making an Earnest Effort to Secure Apportionment of Three Thousand for This City.

So far as can be ascertained one thousand new members have been added to the Alexandria branch of the Red Cross during the campaign which began in this city on Monday last. Every effort is being made by the various committees to bring the total number of new members up to three thousand before the campaign closes in the two days yet remaining.

Over one hundred members have been secured at the Potomac railroad yards and some forty-five or more at the Glass Company's works, but the committees feel that there are many more who ought to become interested in the work.

As American troops go abroad in increasing numbers, the folks at home become naturally more and more concerned about every phase of the life and adventure that lies ahead of them. One of the many questions of great interest and concern is the treatment by Germany of prisoners. It is taken for granted that large numbers of American soldiers will ultimately find themselves in German prison camps, and among many other activities of various agencies, the work of the Red Cross in this field is attracting much interest.

A report recently received from Washington bears in a timely way on this subject. Copies of it are being sent to those who make inquiry of the Council. It shows not only what has been done up to recent date, but gives an idea of what may be expected of the Red Cross in this way in the future, when the need will be greater.

Soldiers and sailors captured by the central powers are not provided by their captors with sufficient food to keep them in good health, nor with sufficient clothing, so these necessities must be provided from home, and in view of this condition the American Red Cross and the United States Government are preparing to feed all American soldiers and sailors who may be taken prisoners by Germany during the war. A complete scheme for sustaining prisoners is now being worked out jointly by the War and Navy Departments and the American Red Cross, which will be the agency through which the American prisoners will be reached.

Under the proposed plan of feeding American prisoners in Germany each prisoner is to receive, in the course of every two weeks, three 10-pound packages, containing proper and sufficient rations to keep him in good health for that length of time. It is expected that sufficient food to sustain a considerable number of men for several months will have been accumulated in Berne, Switzerland, before the American troops begin active service on the fighting front.

Already the Navy Department has shipped 100 outfits of clothing for the interned seamen in Germany, and the Quartermaster General's Department, 85 cases of clothing for soldiers and interned civilians. Foodstuffs so far provided have been purchased by the American Red Cross, but the furnishing of necessary rations is to be attended to by the Government as soon as detailed plans for prison-relief work are perfected.

FOOD SYSTEM FAILS.

German Pope Says Food Department System Has Collapsed.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—That Germany's food department system has collapsed and that an insufficient amount of food is on hand for munition workers is the story carried by the Socialist paper Vorwaerts. Six columns are devoted to the food shortage, which the paper claims is greater than at any time since the beginning of the war. Vigorous protest against the publication has been made by the food dictator, Von Waldow.

Many municipalities have been forced to take over all available food and ration, not only munition workers, but the civilian population as well. In some cases owners of munition plant shave prchased food for their workers and retailed it to them at a profit. The smaller plants are also adopting this illegal practice, it is reported.

LEASE SHIPYARD SITE

Documents Indicate New Shipbuilding Plant in Alexandria Will be Operated in Part by Groton Iron Works.

The necessary papers were filed with Mr. Nevell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the Corporation Court in this city yesterday, by which the five squares of land on the water front in Alexandria, located between Gibbon and South streets, recently taken over by the American Shipbuilding Corporation, has been leased by the Groton Iron Works. The lease is for the period of five years, ending in December, 1922, at an annual rental of $4,200, with an option to purchase the said land for $70,000 at any time within the period of the lease.

Mr. E. A. Morse, son of Mr. Charles W. Morse, is the president of the Groton Iron Works company. The land compromises about forty-six acres, more or less, which will be used for the purpose of building ships for the United States, the papers state.

The documents bear the signatures of the Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, Charles W. Morse, of the United States Shipbuilding Company, Stuart G. Gibboney, general counsel for that company, E. A. Morse and various others interested.

Although not so stated, it is presumed that the building of the ships at Alexandria will be constructed by the said Groton Iron Works company.

It is not definitely known in Alexandria as to just when active operations will be started here in the way of construction of the shipyard, but from present appearances it would seem that there will be no unnecessary delay and that the work will be under way within a very short time.

Report Start Will Be Made Monday.

It is stated that a force of engineers will begin laying out the grounds on Monday next for the new shipbuilding plant.

COURT'S BRIEF SESSION.

Nine Persons Fail to Appear When Their Names Were Called and Forfeited Their Collateral.

It took about ten second this morning to convene and adjourn the Police Court. Seven white men had been arrested on the charge of gambling, one of the accused being the proprietor of a house in the western section of the city. Chief Goods, Sergeant Wilkinson and Officers Campbell and Thompson made a descent upon the place at 12:30 o'clock this morning and took the proprietor and his guests in custody. The officers captured a number of packs of cards. Upon reaching the station house it is thought they gave fictitious names, but the prisoners left collateral for their appearance at nine o'clock this morning.

At that hour Chief Goods called the names the parties had given, but they were, in court parlance, non est inventus, and forfeited their collateral.

The names of a man and woman were also called to answer the charge of being drunk in the street. They, too, failed to respond, and forfeited their deposits. They had been arrested by the Officers Miller, Campbell and Thompson.

Sixty dollars were gathered up by the court and placed in the city's coffers.

TRAINS OF FOOD BURN.

Loss of From $100,000 to $500,000 in Freight Fire.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 21.—Fire of an unknown origin, either spontaneous combustion or incendiary, started in a long string of freight cars standing near the Philadelphia and Erie freight house, at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday night, and before it could be got under control, over a score of cars, with their contents and the entire freight house, a solid block long, with the exception of the office at the west end, had gone up in flames.

The loss is at least $100,000 and may run over a half a million. A number of freight cars were filled with potatoes and other food stuffs, while there were several tank cars filled with oil in the string, that made the blaze most spectacular.

The freight house was filled to the ceiling with Christmas packages, and they all went up in the flames.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mr. John F. Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. W. Herfurth, of Duke street, will return to his home today.

Corporal Harry C. Mankin, who left Alexandria on June 28th as a clerk in the Medical department of the United States army, has been promoted to the position of Sargeant, and is now stationed at one of the base supply camps somewhere in France.

The Seventh Day Adventist church will hold its services at Odd Fellows Hall on North Columbus street Saturday afternoon from two to four o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend. The pastor, Elder F. E. Gibson, states that he will have some interesting things to tell about his late trip.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for clerk, for both men and women, on January 5, 1918, at Alexandria. Vacancies in the Departmental Service, Washington, will be filled from this examination. The usual entrance salary for this position is $900 or $1,000 a year, but the War Department has adopted for use during the continuance of the war $1,100 a year as the entrance rate of pay for clerks and states that it will be the policy of the department to promote to $1,200 a year all clerks who after three months of service are reported by bureau chiefs as being well qualified and in every way worthy of promotion. When a department so requests, certification will be made in their order of those with ratings of as much as 75 and with as much as one year's office experience.

According to the calendar today, December 21, is the shortest day of the year and the real beginning of winter.

The Red Cross Refreshment Corps is planning to hold a card party in the Elks' Hall on New Year's afternoon to obtain funds to assist in defraying the expenses incurred in sending the Christmas packages to the soldiers.

Choir directors of the various churches in the city will confer a favor upon the Gazette if they will have their programs for the Christmas music to be rendered on Sunday sent to the Gazette office by nine o'clock tomorrow morning, if they desire it to appear in tomorrow's issue.

Among the contributors to the Christmas fund to provide gifts for the Alexandria Light Infantry boys were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smoot, Mrs. Frank Harper, Mrs. Carrol Pierce, Mrs. Harry Caton, Mrs. D. Herndon, Miss Kate Stuart, Mrs. Minnie Meyers, Mrs. E. H. Kemper, Mr. Robert Jones, Miss Collins Jones, Mr. L. Ruben, Mr. C. H. Callahan, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. D. J. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Payne, Miss Margaret Smith, Mrs. George Uhler, Mrs. Ideness, Miss Cora L. Cochran, Dr. T. B. Cochran, Red Cross Dance Committee, Mrs. E. C. Dunn, Miss C. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Burke, Miss Esther Burke, Mrs. J. T. Burke, Sr., Mrs. Ada V. White. An individual package was sent to each Alexandria man at Camp Lee that could be located. A committee of colored residents supplied a package for each drafted colored man from both city and county.

Governor Stuart has appointed Miss Mary E. Williamson a notary public for the city of Alexandria.

The Alexandria Automobile Association has been making an earnest effort to have the license tags for automobiles in this vicinity distributed to them from Alexandria. Owners of machines will be interested in learning that five hundred license tags have been received at the police headquarters here where they can be obtained without sending to the city of Richmond for them.

Alexandria Council Order Fraternal Americans held an interesting meeting last evening. Three applicants were elected to membership, two received the first degree, and three received the second degree. Three applications for membership were received. An encouraging report from a special committee planning for a big meeting of the Order for January 17th, was made. At that time the Council will have present a large number of State and National Officers. The semi-annual election of officers was held and they will be installed on January 3rd. They are as follows: president, E. R. Clark; vice president, Mitchell Watkins, recording secretary, J. R. Mansfield; assistant recording secretary, F. S. Lucas; financial secretary, F. W. Ebhardt; treasurer, O. H. Daniels; marshal, Geo. E. Pettitt; warden, James T. Lloyd; inner guard, Geo. Smith!; outer guard, Thomas Simpson; chaplain, J. H. Mansfield; trustee for 3 years, George W. Pettit; representative to grand council, J. H. Mansfield; alternate to grand council, Geo. W. Pettit; degree master, W. D. Zimmerman.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

British Premier Says Nothing Sort of Destruction of Prussian Militarism Will Suffice.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd George's statement of Great Britain's war aims and the definite assertion that nothing short of the crushing of Prussian militarism will satisfy the allies, is meeting with whole-hearted indorsement in all circles.

There is no mistaking his declaration that complete restoration of the territories taken by the enemy, together with compensation, will be demanded.

"We did not enter this war to annex a single yard of territory," he declared, addressing the House of Commons. "We entered the war because we believed that the honor of Britain was involved in standing by her word."

Jerusalem will never be restored to the Turks, he said. The British successes in Palestine. he declared, would have a permanent effect on the history of the world.

Makes Request to People of the South

The unusual conditions prevailing in regard to traveling on the railroads is shown by the appeal made by the Southern Railway Company issued today, in which it says the normal railway travel is greatly increased during the holiday season; this year it will be swelled by the return to their homes for Christmas of a large number of the troops now in camp in the South. Furthermore, an extraordinary traffic in military supplies, fuel and necessary commercial freight may be expected during the holidays to limit our ability to provide comfortable passenger transportation. In view of these conditions the Southern Railway Company earnestly appeals to the traveling public not to attempt trips during the Christmas holidays except there be urgent necessity.

Woman Recants.

Montrose, Colo., Dec. 21.—After telling the county authorities that she had slain her son and made away with his body by boiling it in lye, Mrs. J. H. Bush has now taken the position that she is innocent of the crime, declaring that her son John O. Bush, has gone to the mountains and will return in a few days.

She confessed early in the week that she killed the son because he had killed his own eleven-year-old-son and forced her to aid him in hiding the crime by boiling the boy's body in lye. In her original confession she said she sought to avenge the death of her grandson.

MERCHANT SHOT BY NEGROES.

Sold Them Revolvers and Demonstrated Loading—They Then Opened Fire —Death Instantaneous.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—George F. Dashiell aged thirty-six years, proprietor of a sporting goods store on Union Street, was shot to death Wednesday night in his place of business by two unknown negroes. Both made their escape.

The two negroes entered the store, inspected Dashiell's stock of revolvers, selected two, bought cartridges and asked that they be instructed how to load them. Dashiell complied with the request, and when he handed over the two revolvers, expecting to be paid, they opened fire. Three bullets penetrated the base of Dashiell's brain. Death was instantaneous.

WANTED TO BE MOVIE STAR.

Winchester Girl Runs Away, But is Taken in Charge by Baltimore Deaconess.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 21.—Miss Julia McNulty, young and pretty, who suddenly disappeared from the home of her mother last Friday, is in charge of an Episcopal church deaconess in Baltimore, it is learned, and her mother, Mrs. Sadie Dunlop McNulty, formerly of Philadelphia, has gone to bring her home.

The deaconess found the girl in Camden station. She is said to have started out to become a movie star.

Growth of U. S. Navy.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1917, the monthly expenditures for all naval purposes were about $8,000,000; they are now about $60,000,000. On January 1, 1917, there were 300 naval vessels of all kinds in commission; today there are many more than a thousand. These typical figures sufficiently indicate the task the Navy has had to accomplish to date in the way of expansion."

"The Voice of Conscience."

Over two hundred Georgia "darkies" picking cotton in the fields on a plantation will be seen in "The Voice of Conscience," a Metro wonderplay, co-starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, which will be shown at the Richmond Theatre tonight.

Edwin Carlowe, director, took his company of leading players to the vicinity of Savannah, Georgia, for the staging of these plantation scenes. With the exception of three principal characters, who were obliged to show marked dramatic ability, all the colored people shown in the scenes were secured in the immediate vicinity.

CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS.

Some of the Things That Will be Done to Make the Boys Happy.

Christmas is going to come not only to every soldier in an encampment or cantonment in the United States, and to every sail on shipboard or in port, but also to every man in a prison-camp, and to every man in uniform, somewhere in France, or anywere else in the service. They will all celebrate Christmas, through the efforts of the Y. M. C. A., in cooperation with other organizations. Not one will be left out on Christmas.

There will be Christmas trees, not only in every Y. M. C. A. building in the United States where men in uniform come, but in the base camps in the training zone in France, and even behind the trenches, where the improvised angels on the top boughs shake with the reverberations of the German guns, and carols are sung to the accompaniment of exploding shells. There will be gifts, wrapped as daintily as if they were intended for somebody's best girl, for many of the men who haven't gotten any from home, when they come into the Y. M. C. A. huts on Christmas Day. And men coming wet and cold from the trenches will warm themselves around real Yuletide logs in the fireplaces in the Red Triangle huts.

Scrubby Christmas trees with carefully-saved bits of tallow candles as their only decoration will bring the holiday spirit for a time even to the prison-camps in Siberia, where the Bethlehem story will be read in Y. M. C. A. huts, and an orchestra made up of the prisoners of war will play "Holy Night" on instruments of their own making. Secretaries will greet men who speak no English with "Merry Christmas!" and they will understand. No children in the United States are more excited over their Chrismas preparations than the prisoners of war over theirs.

Christmas is made up as much of giving as of getting, and the various Y. M. C. A. buildings at the encampments lately have been the scenes of feverishly busy bundle wrapping. Paper and twine have been furnished by the Association, and the men have been encouraged in every way possible to remember the folks at home.

Card of Thanks.

The Soldiers Relief and Citizens committee wishes to thank the pubsion of the Reception at Odd Fellows sion of the Receptio nat Odd Fellows Hall for Xmas remembrances for the colored drafted men of Alexandria City and County at Camp Lee, Virginia. 304-1t.

WILL JOIN THE ALLIES

Argentina About to Break With Germany and Allign With Pan-Americans.

The die has been cast in Argentina. The richest and most important, the proudest and the most democratic of the South American republics is momentarily expected to break with Berlin. A declaration of war will follow immediately it is expected here.

The decision of the Argentine government to align itself with pan-America and the forces of democracy against Germany was marked by the publication in Buenos Aires of forty telegrams between the Berlin foreign office and Count Luxburg, German minister to Argentina.

So revolting is the duplicity revealed, so insulting the contempt for Argentina displayed that diplomats and officials here last night are unanimous in predicting the break.

It may be stated further on the highest official authority that the Argentine foreign office, in arranging for the publication of these dispatches, has tactily agreed that no other course than a rupture is now open.

The following are substantially what Luxburg sent to Berlin:

Information as to movements of American naval squadron in South American waters after United States enters war.

Names, description and time of departure of ten Brazilian merchant ships bound for the war zone.

Information that United States was bringing pressure on Argentina to abandon South American proneutrality conference.

Complaints of having his "telegraphic communication with Mexico entirely interrupted."

Says "a friendly minister (probably Swedish) fears that secret wire may be compromised."

Assurances that President of Argentina was pro-German; that the foreign minister and minister of marine were probably bribed; and that the people were "Indians with a slight veneer."

Tips on secret German "agents" arriving at Buenos Aires.

Instructions to inform Argentine government that Argentine ships, plying war zone under certain conditions, will be spared; but, "very secret, for your personal information" tells Luxburg quite impossible in practice to guarantee pledge.

Urges that pledge be kept secret as it would disclose that Germany's submarine war is not based on international law.

Congratulations on how Germany handles Chile, saying that so long as Chile remains neutral Germany after the war can pursue her South American policy as well or better with "infatuated and misguided Argentina" as her foe.

WOULD RESTORE CZAR.

Germans Expect to Use all Russian Power Against Allies.

London, Dec. 21.—The Morning Post of yesterday printed a long dispatch from Petrograd, dated Tuesday, which elaborates on the recent report that the Russian throne is to be reestablished. The gist of the article is that Germany is determined to restore the throne and place Nicholas Romanoff, or another member of the Romanoff family on it as an autocrat.

The newspaper says it is confidently expected that a German pronouncement announcing this will be issued shortly in Petrograd, where the arrival of a body of Germans to negotiate future arrangements is impending.

The writer perdicts that Germany in the future will control all of Russia and oppose the vast power thus acquired against the democracies of the west.

Death Notice.

DIED, at his residence, 202 North Royal Street, at 1:45 P. M., on Thursday, December 20, 1917, JOHN HARLOW, aged 78 years. Funeral from his late residence, on Saturday, December 22nd, at 9:30 A. M., thence to St. Mary's church. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.

WANTED—An assistant bookkeeper. Young lady preferred. State experience, if any. Address in your own handwriting, Box 67 Gazette office. 297-6t.

GERMANY'S PEACE BID

Kaiser's Peace Whine Yuletide Gift to His People Has Disappointed Countrymen.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd George gave in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Great Britain's and the allies' irreducible minimum condition for peace. Briefly it is:

There can be no lasting peace unless Germany give security that the world will be safe hereafter from German aggression.

There can be no such security unless Prussian militarism is forever destroyed and unless the German government is democratized.

Supposing, for the sake of discussing details, that these two fundamental conditions were fulfilled, which they are not; then, to obtain peace the first and foremost thing Germany must do is—

To restore practically all invaded territories and to make full compensation.

London, Dec. 21.—The German Emperor's promise of peace by Christmas is being fulfilled, but in a more ghastly manner than the Kaiser anticipated. Germany's Christmas offering of peace was to be based on the solid foundation of an Italy beaten and bleeding in the Italian plains beyond the Piave, of an exhausted France crippled and cowed by the fire of the German machine gun, of a once proud Britain trampled under the force of a Teton West front drive.

Instead, the Kaiser's Yuleide gift to his exhausted subjects is the awkward, but unmistakable, peace whine of a beaten nation. The German high command has played its biggest card—and lost. Behind every Teuton movement for the last two months has been the well grounded fear that the enemy might not, perhaps, be so tired and worn as to listen attentively to the German whine for peace.

This same fear has been answered today in eloquent words by the British premier, who pledges the allies to fight on till the complete restoration of the territories taken by Germany, together with compensation, is accomplished in such a manner as to establish beyond a shadow or a doubt that the world's peace will not again be disturbed by the unprincipled, unbridled Teuton militarism. Germany has made her peace bid and the words have scarcely been uttered before the allies have answered with the same unswerving conviction that the war must go on until the thing despised by all the forces in humanity is crushed.

The same hideous diplomacy which made secret war in neutral countries like America and attempted by the most dastardly of methods disclosed in all the history of the world to divide a peaceful household against itself, banked heavily on the Russian treason, and, as in previous instances, suffered defeat. Germany's purpose in her dealings with Russia is now disclosed. The Lenine-Trotzky government was a mere tool to be used to secure a general peace with the allies. It was an attempt to fulfill Germany's promise to her people that the world would be at peace by Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Germany's peace maneuvers at this time will fail. The United States will "stand pat" on its own war aims outlined by President Wilson.

That was the firm answer of high Government authorities today, in view of Teuton peace feelers on the "Christmas offer." Moreover, there is some prospect that Russia will awaken before it is too late and quit her peace negotiating with the Germans, according to reports today, which indicated a hitch in Russo-German peace negotiations.

Elected Officers Last Night.

Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge last night elected officers as here given for the coming year: R. S. Luckett, worshipful master; H. B. Richards, senior warden; Elliott F. Hoffman, junior warden; William L. Allen, treasurer; J. E. Alexander, secretary; F. M. Penn, senior deacon; C. C. Batcheller, junior deacon; George C. Cole and John L. Peed, stewards; Rev. Edgar Carpenter, chaplain; Geo. W. Zachary, tiler. The officers were installed by Past Worshipful Master C. E. Outcalt.

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SITE OF THE IRON WORKS.

The "mud," as the boys of the First ward term the reclaimed ground in what was for many years known as "Baptising Cove," and which has recently been used as baseball grounds and a place for grazing cows, will, it is expected, soon be sending forth sounds of whirring machinery. In 1911, when the work of reclaiming the cove was in progress, it was confidently believed by some persons that high tides would wash the mud back into the channel of the river from which it was taken. The contractors, however, had constructed ripraps on the channel banks, and they kept on "blowing" the mud which their dredges raised into the cove until eventually the water became absorbed and dry land appeared. About one-tenth of the dredging remained where blown, but the water, of course, ran off. By the end of the summer what had previously been a cove, embracing over forty acres, had become solid ground. It has since become more as terre firma, and recently soundings were made for a foundation and a satisfactory one found.

As will be seen elsewhere, the ground has been leased for five years by the Groton Iron Works, E. A. Morse, son of C. W. Morse, being the president of the company. These works will, when constructed, act in conjunction with the shipbuilding plant of C. W. Morse.

There is no telling where lightning will strike, nor is there any way to tell where commerce will take its rise. Baptising Cove up to a few years ago was partly covered by waukapins, and was one of the most unlikely places in the state of Virginia for the site of ironworks or any other enterprise. The dredgers, however, disturbed the abode of the frogs and snakes and forced the creatures to find other abodes, and now modern Iron works are about to complete the unexpected transformation.

COMPROMISE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

A contemporary calls attention to the fact that in our civil war compromise was impossible, though it was tried for months before the Confederacy collapsed, because the issue was whether the Union should be preserved or dissolved. You can't split the difference in such a case. A thing has got to be or not be. The Federal power had to maintain itself or yield to disunion.

The reason why the war with Germany cannot be compromised is strictly similar. Had Germany merely aided Austria against Servia there might have been room for a compromise involving the relations of Austria and Servia. But the Servian affair was utilized only as a pretext. Germany rushed into the war for conquest; for conquest in every direction; for the conquest of Belgium and the mineral districts of France, part of the French north coast, and perhaps a part of the Mediterranean coast; for conquest of much of Russia; for the domination of Europe, Asia and Africa, and without disguise of its designs on America.

No compromise is possible on the basis of German conquests in the fall of 1914. No compromise is possible of the claims of Germans to take this section from one country and another section from another. No compromise is possible while the German people go on boasting that they are the superiors of all the rest of mankind, and that they are justified in taking everything that they think they want, and that all the rest of the world must be so reduced that even in combination it could not fight Germany. Germans, officially and unofficially, are to this day insisting that Germany shall be the supreme power in the world.

You can't compromise that sort of thing. You can't reason with a man who has a part of your property and insolently tells you that he will take the rest and brain your children if you do not compromise with him. There is nothing to do but [illegible] till the ruffian is overpowered. That the Allies are making good progress in.

If Germany wants peace, let it recall its armies to its own soil and disavow all purposes of conquering the world.

WORK OF GERMANY'S ALLIES.

Turks Guilty of Great Brutality in City of Jerusalem.

An official dispatch received in Washington this week from France says the Turks, before surrendering Jerusalem to the British, brutally mistreated Christian priests, carried off the famous treasure of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, valued at millions of dollars, and sent to Berlin the church's celebrated ostensory of the brilliants.

Mgr. Camassei, patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been deposed from his office, and Father Piccarde, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turkish brutalities.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher had remained unmolested heretofore during all the centuries of Moslem occupation of Jerusalem.

The same dispatch told of indignation among Musselmen of Asia Minor over the action of a German general in establishing staff headquarters in the mosque of the city of Aleppo, near the Syrian border.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was consecrated in the year 336, on the traditional spot where Christ arose from the dead. In the year 614 the buildings comprising the church were destroyed by the Persians. The original building was in the form of a rotunda.

In the interior is the sepulcher proper, inclosed in a sixteen-sided chapel resting on eighteen piers and containing a great number of chapels appropriated to different creeds or nationalities or marking various spots traditionally connected with the Saviour.

U. S. FIGHTS TEUTON PEOPLE.

Obsessed With Idea of Superiority And Must Be Hit With Club.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The United States is not only fighting the kaiser and the Prussian military system but the German people, said former President Taft in addressing a gathering of manufacturers at the annual banquet of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts Wednesday night "And the only way we can win," he added, "is by hitting the German people on the head with a club."

"It is not true," said Mr. Taft, "that we are not fighting the German people. We are. We are not fighting the kaiser and Prussian military system alone. We are fighting the German people, a people obsessed with megalomania, and the only way we can win is by hitting the German people with a club."

When the attempt to form a constitutional monarchy in Germany failed, Mr. Taft continued, the freedom-loving Germans came to this country and are now counted among our best citizens. Those who remained in Germany through the Bismarckian rule saw the success of this rule of blood and iron until, Mr. Taft said, they became obsessed with the idea that success in conquest had made them a chosen people of God and that there was a German god, represented by the German state—which state could do no wrong.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Between sixty and seventy lives were lost last night in a train wreck on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, according to a report received at Louisville, Ky.

Idea Nacional of Buenos Aires, publishes a sensational statement by passengers of a Spanish mail steamer saying that they witnessed the sinking of the Argentine steamship Blanco by a German submarine.

Joseph Selzer, I .W. W. organizer in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was yesterday sentenced to one year in jail, and to pay a fine of $1,000, the extreme penalty for sedition under Iowa laws.

His three children were burned to death yesterday when Tom Elrick's home in Lexington, Ky., was destroyed by fire .

Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria have been furnished by the arrival at Buchs, on the frontier, of 576 pale and suffering children between the ages of seven and nine. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns. The children had not tasted milk for months. They had received bad bread in insufficient amounts, stomach diseases resulting. Their clothing was most scanty and there was no fuel in their homes. They will be distributed among various places in Switzerland until their health is restored.

French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

A dispatch received in Amsterdam from Vienna says the unterhaus has adopted by a small majority a resolu- [illegible] by the Czechs and South Slavs in favor of general peace on the basis of no annexations or indemnities and for using Russia's good offices to convey such a proposal to the entente governments.

Lifeboats containing the crew of the American freighter Rochester were shelled by a U-boat which had sunk their vessel on November 2, according to Chief Engineer W. J. Donnelly and Radio Operator H. F. Parsons, who arrived yesterday at an Atlantic port from England. The Rochester was attacked 400 miles off the Irish coast. The crew reached land after four days and eighteen hours of rowing and hardships. Several men died from exposure on the way. The captain, Eric Kokeritze, is now dying in an English hospital from the effects of the trip.

COSSACKS MENACE HUNS.

Trotzky Gives Allies Two Months to Join General Peace Efforts.

London, Dec. 21.—"We have given the allies two months to join in our general peace efforts, but we do not promise not to conclude a separate peace."

Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, is quoted in Swedish dispatches to have made this declaration in a speech to a group of his adherents after he had been howled down by the majority at the Peasants congress. He is said to have added:

"We are not able to make war for ten years in the interest of French Boerse and English Imperialism. History will condone a separate peace." The same dispatches quote Trotzky to be equally defiant toward the Teutons. "We have instructed our representatives," reads the transmitted text of his speech, "to inquire what interpretation will be placed upon our policy of 'no annexation and no indemnities' by German Foreign-Minister von Kuehlman and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Count Czernin. No doubt they will attempt to obsecure their answers by diplomatic phrases but we will insist that a clear answer be given."

Simultaneously there came a dispatch from Vienna via Amsterdam, quoting Count Czernin as approving a "general peace without annexation, territorial or economic."

One dispatch from the strife-stricken Russian land today said the Cossacks had cut the trans-Siberian Railroad. If this is true, the return of German and Austrian prisoners, the vast majority of whom are in Siberia, may be frustrated.

LANDS ON ASSAILANT'S JAW.

Pro-German Who Attacks Billy Sunday Threatened by Crowd.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Billy Sunday and W. H. Beutterbaugh, a pacifist and a German sympathizer, last night waged a furious fight on the platform at the tabernacle before an audience of several thousand yelling men and fainting and hysterical women.

Billy had just made a violent attack on the Germans, declaring he didn't believe God would be on the side of people who would stand aside and allow Turks to wrong women, when the attack on Sunday came.

Several blows were passed, Billy getting the better of the argument, landing a terrific punch on his assailant's jaw. Then the crowd swarmed upon the platform and in the excitement that followed Mayor Candler was choked by accident and Beutterbaugh got a black eye.

Only the intervention of the police saved Billy's assailant from the roughest of treatment, people in the audience yelling "Lynch him!" Beutterbaugh was arrested on a charge of assault.

ITALIANS ON OFFENSIVE.

Austro-Germans Hard Pressed to Retain Their Recent Gains.

London, Dec. 21.—The ninth day of the terrific battle on the northern Italian front saw the armies of General Diaz pass from a losing defensive to aggressive tactics so savage in nature that the Austro-Germans found themselves hard pressed to retain their gains of the last week.

All day Wednesday, between the Brenta and Piave and to the west of the former stream, the Italian troops, spurred on by the danger to their battle line of the recent enemy victories, battered incessantly at the Teuton strongholds on Monte Pertica, Monte Asolone and the surrounding ranges. These counter strokes failed to recover ground of themselves, according to the Berlin war office, but they did succeed in checking the dangerous advances of the invaders toward the passes leading into the Venetian plains.

At the same time the Italian naval and military forces on the lower Piave further demonstrated their superb qualities of resistance in the face of numerically superior units, repelling new attempts of the enemy to extend their gains across the old Piave.

STEAMER BURNS IN PORT.

American Tanker Hit by Torpedo—Destroyed at Genoa.

New York, Dec. 21.—The American tanker Albert Watts was lost by fire on Thanksgiving day at Genoa, Italy, after making harbor following an attack by a German or Austrian submarine, it was learned today, when Herbert C. Goodwin, chief officer, and eight of her crew arrived at an Atlantic port.

The fire was caused by the carelessness of a harbor boatman, who boarded the Albert Watts and threw a cigarette into a mass of inflammable material.

The attack by the submarine had caused great damage to the side of the tanker. For some reason the torpedo leaped from the water just prior to striking, and the hole made by the explosion was above the water line. The vessel was only 45 miles from Genoa, and soon after the attack was sighted by a patrol vessel and towed to an anchorage. The submarine did not stop to see definitely if the tanker was destroyed.

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At the direction of the Fuel Administrator for Virginia, an order has been issued to the retail dealers of coal in this city and county, not to deliver coal to household consumers, in quantities in excess of two tons and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is two tons or less. This will make the maximum quantity of four tons at any one time. To larger consumers, deliveries are not to be made in quantities greater than the actual needs of the consumers for fifteen days, and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is less than their requirements for fifteen days. This will make the maximum quantity held by larger consumers at any one time, only sufficient for their actual needs for thirty days or less. Industries buying coal in carload lots must obtain special permit from the Fuel Administrator.

To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

Miss Gladys M. Brooks, room 1, Alexandria National bank building; W. C. Drury, 107 south Royal street; J. T. Burke, Burke and Herbert; Miss Cora Duffey, Office, Clerk of Court; Courtland H. Davis, 121 south Royal street; Claude H. Crump, 1301 King street; M. L. Dinwiddie, Citizens National Bank; J. J. Green, First National Bank; E. J. Fleming, 119 south Fairfax street; A. C. Moss, Alexandria National Bank.

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ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.

City Treasurer Charged With Misappropriation of $2,200

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 21.—F. H. Britton, city treasurer of Hopewell, was indicted by a grand jury in the Hustings Court of that city Tuesday, the indictment charging him with the embezzlement of about $2,200 of the city's funds.

It is understood that the funds in question were deducted by Mr. Britton from the city taxes paid him, as his commission for collecting them. It is said that his report to the State Treasurer shows that the amount was deducted.

The city authorities claim that Mr Britton is not entitled to the funds, and he was indicted by the grand jury for embezzlement.

Although criminal action has been taken against Mr. Britton, it is claimed in his behalf that the matter is merely a civil one. Friends of the indicted man say suit might have been instituted by the city for the recovery of the funds if the authorities thought Mr. Britton was not entitled to them.

CONVICTS CHOP WOOD.

First Experiment of Kind Now in Progress Near Fredericksburg—Coal Situation Serious at Many Points.

The experiment of using the convict road forces of the state for wood cutting to relieve the fuel situation is now being made near Fredericksburg where, with the co-operation of the state highway department and Superintendent J. B. Wood, of the penitentiary, the convict road force in that section is now at work in the woods, in accordance with the suggestion of State Fuel Administrator Harry Flood Byrd.

It is proposed to cut one hundred cords of wood and distribute it at cost among the poor of Fredericksburg. As no charge is being made for the labor it is anticipated that the wood will not cost the consumers more than $2 a cord. If the experiment at Fredericksburg proves a success all of the convict road forces throughout the state will be set to work until the fuel situation is materially improved.

KILLS SISTER AND HIMSELF.

George W. Dailey Fires Shot Through Brain After Shooting Recently Married Sister.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—News reached Norfolk Wednesday night that George W. Dailey, residing at Fentress, Norfolk county, shot and instantly killed his sister, Mrs. William Dudley, and turning the revolver on himself, sent a bullet through his own brain. Dailey lived but a few hours.

Examining physicians declared the woman had been shot three times in the region of the heart, two bullets entering the breast and one the back. There was no eye-witness. Mrs. Dudley was a bride of four weeks and her brother is said to have bitterly opposed her marriage. A letter, addressed to his brother, was found in his pocket, in which he declared his intention of killing his sister.

REVOKES FIRM'S LICENSE.

Lester Brothers, of Newport News, Ordered to Close Doors by January 1.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The food administration announced Wednesday that Lester Bros., wholesale food handlers, of Newport News, Va., have been deprived of their license, and forbidden to deal in any commodities covered by the food control act. They have been ordered to close their doors on December 31. The specific complaints brought out in their hearing last Friday was that Lester Bros. had refused consignments of potatoes, allowing them to deteriorate in the freight yards and incidentally add to the railroad congestion.

BAN ON LIGHTED CANDLES.

Fire Hazard Deemed Too Great for Display of Flames Christmas Eve.

Richmond, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made Wednesday night by H. G. Boykin, of the Richmond Chapter, American Red Cross, head of the drive in the city for 10,000,000 new members in the nation-wide movement, that instructions had been received from national Red Cross headquarters to abandon the plan of having all members place a lighted candle behind service flags on Christmas eve. The reason for the abandonment of this idea of the fire risk which would be incurred, and attention to this hazard was drawn by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

AWARDED $1,000 DAMAGES.

Miss Pearl Ridgeway Wins Suit For Personal Injuries Against Drug Company.

Richmond, Dec. 21.—A verdict for $1,000 damages was rendered Wednesday in Hustings Court, Part II, in the case of Miss Pearl Ridgeway against the Polk Miller Drug Company and W. Withers Miller, the verdict, however, being only against the concern and not against Mr. Miller. Miss Ridgeway sought to recover damages in the sum of $10,000 for the suffering she experienced by the falling on her of several shelves while she was in the employ of the defendant company as a stenographer.

The case consumed two days, and the verdict was rendered after several hours' deliberation of the jury.

AFTER SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Emergency Coal Sent From Mines to Pressmen's Home Confiscated, It Is Alleged.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 21.—C. W. Bondurant, president of the United Collieries Company of St. Charles, Va., in conference with Special Agent A. O. Chandler, of the Federal Trade Commission here Wednesday, charged that the Southern Railway deliberately ignored a special order of Fuel Administrator Garfield to deliver a car of emergency coal to the Pressmen's Home, at Rogersville, Tenn. Mr Bondurant charged that the Southern Railway has confiscated every car of coal sent out from his mines since last Thursday, and that he has been unable to deliver any coal to any of his contract customers.

Following the conference Mr. Chandler got into wire communication with State Fuel Administrator Byrd at Richmond, recommending immediate action through the bureau at Washington.

WOULD OUST SHERIFF.

Pollard Takes Steps to Remove Officer for Accepting a Pass.

Richmond, Dec. 21.—Quo warranto proceedings have been instituted in the circuit court for Fauquier county to oust Sheriff W. Stanley Woolf from office. This follows the acceptance of a pass over the Southern Railway by the sheriff in violation of the state constitution. For giving the pass the Southern Railway was fined $500 and costs. Soon after the payment of the fine Sheriff Woolf resigned, and was at once appointed by Judge George Latham Fletcher to succeed himself. Attorney General Pollard takes the position that the appointment is null and void. The case is to be heard before Judge Fletcher January 28. This is a test case, and will affect ten other sheriffs and one deputy.

Henry Thompson, of Dawesmere, England, a potato dealer, was fined $9,000 for selling potatoes above the price fixed by the food controller.

The property of Americans in Germany has been placed under the trusteeship of the German government. There is no intention however to confiscate property or to infringe on the personal rights of the property holders.

Virginia Facts.

Virginia is the greatest trucking state in America, producing $15,000,000 worth of garden truck annually.

On a 100-acre field 330 bushels of potatoes to the acre have been grown.

In several instances, one acre of the famous truck lands in the Norfolk districts, Virginia, has produced between $2,000 and $3,000 in one year.

There is no "one crop" system in Virginia. Practically every crop of the United States is grown in the state, excepting semi-tropical fruits.

Shipments of produce from Virginia can reach more than one-half the population of the United States in from nine to fifteen hours.

There are no less than forty poultry associations in the state. The revenue derived from poultry exceed $16,000,000.

Virginia exports beef direct from grass. A single shipment not long ago brought $2,500,000.

In one county in Virginia 55 silos were erected last year.

Pork can be raised in Virginia at 4 cents a pound. "Smithfield Hams," an original Virginia product, are world renowned.

Virginia is the largest grower of apples in the South, and one of the largest in the country. The total production in 1916 was 4,393,000 barrels.

Virginia has 184,018 farms and here are 685,000 people engaged in farming in the state.

At the International Apple Shippers' Convention in 1916 the Virginia growers won the sweepstakes award over all other apple growing states and districts. In 1914 this award was won by growers of the Covesville, Virginia section.

The Bellwood Farm, South Richmond, won the highest award for the best alfalfa exhibit at the National Corn Show, Dallas, Texas, in 1911. The same farm won the highest award for the best farm exhibit at the Panama Exposition, San Francisco.

Virginia won the cup awarded at the New York land show in Now York in 1911 for the best 10 cars of corn from any part of the country.

T. O. Sandy, Burkeville, Va., has made 5.1 tons of hay to an acre in a single season, on a 10-acre field. In 1914 he grew 6.1 tons of alfalfa to the acre.

On two farms in Fauquier county in 1914, the wheat fields averaged over 45 bushels to the acre.

The Bell Pre Dairy Farm, of Culpeper County, in 1915, sold the hay from six acres of alfalfa for $743.54 or $124.75 an acre. The total yield was 46.78 tons and it was sold at $16 a ton.

A Mecklenburg County farmer last year (1916) made a yield of 61 1-2 bushels of wheat, 165 bushels of oats and over 100 bushels of corn to the acre.

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RUSSIANS MAY JOIN PERSHING.

Officers Offer Services to American General; Condemn Peace Overtures.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 21.—Every Russian officer in France, from the commanding general to the youngest lieutenant, have placed themselves at the disposal of the American forces, to be used as Gen. Pershing sees fit.

The offer was made yesterday by a high ranking officer, who gave assurances that all of his compatriots in France are most anxious to advance the allied cause by serving the Americans. The offer is made in recognition of the American efforts to rehabilitate Russia.

Acceptance is held in abeyance, since it is believed it is necessary to obtain special Congressional legislation permitting it. The requirement to become American citizens may be waived, however. If the officers offer is accepted, many Russian soldiers now in France are expected to join the American army. These soldiers are registering deep indignation over the surrender of their comrades in the east to the Germans.

A number of Russian aviators may also prove a valuable addition to the American forces. Many of the Russian officers speak English and French and would be valuable as instructors to the Sammies, or to the French and British if they cannot be incorporated in the American army.

Russian officers in Paris recently signed a manifesto denouncing the Russo-German peace parley.

TRAIN WRECK KILLS 38.

39 Others Injured in Rear-End Crash at Shepherdsville, Ky.

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—Thirty-eight persons were killed and about 39 others injured last night, when Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear of a Bardstown, Louisville and Springfield accommodation train just south of the station here early last night, according to W. F. Sheridan, superintendent of the Louisville division.

First reports, apparently authentic, had placed the number of known dead at 67 and the number of injured at between 40 and 50, but this was reduced when an official check of the figures was made.

No cause for the wreck was assigned by Mr. Sheridan, who would make no statement pending an investigation of the tragedy.

From other sources it was learned that the accommodation had left the station after making a stop, when the fast train came in sight, running at a high rate of speed, and plunged into the rear end of the train ahead. The two wooden coaches and the baggage-car making up the lighter train were splintered.

The loss of two small Norwegian steamers is reported by the Norwegian foreign office. The Maidag, of 1,250 tons, was torpedoed, with the loss of three men. Twelve other members of her crew were saved. The steamer Narron struck a mine, five members of her crew being killed.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

To the Stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited will be held in the law office of J. K. M. Norton, esq., at No. 128 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 14th day of January, 1918, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., for the election of two directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Witness my hand at Westminster, Md., this 13th day of December, 1917.

Ralph S. Reifsnider, Secretary.
298-12t.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Royal and Wilkes street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, December 31, at 9 a. m.
By order of President.,
A. S. Mankin, Secretary.
302-10t.

Notice.

The Alexandria Medical Society announces that on and after Jan. 1, 1918, the following fees will be the minimum charges made by its members:
Office visits $1.00 to $10.00; house visits $2.00; night visits $5.00; Consultations $5.00; obstetrics $25.00, extra for each mile beyond city limits $1.00
297-10t

Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate Mrs. Louisa M. Pullin, I desire to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same for settlement. All owing said estate are requested to make prompt settlement.
Miss Ola Pullin, Executrix.
297-10t.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual Meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria ,Virginia, on Monday, the 7th, of January, 1918, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 7th day of January.
W. M. Slater, President.
Albert Harper, Sec. and Treas
296-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.
Charles D. Walcott, President.
A M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the stock holders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock a. m.
Charles D. Walcott, President.
A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.
295-12t,

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 North Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday January 8th, 1918, at 11 o'clock a m.
A. M. McLachlen, President.
John A. Massie, Treasurer.
295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M to 1 p. m.
J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank,
Alexandria, Va.,
Dec. 8th, 1917

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
Richard M. Green, Cashier.
294-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 8, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
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